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SUBJECT: INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

REF: BOMBAY 1360 (REPEATED AS NEW DELHI 7472)

1. REPORT REFTEL VERY INTERESTING AND USEFUL.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENCY SAFEGUARDS STAFF, WE
LEARNED THAT INDIANS INTEND TO BEGIN REPROCESSING TAPS
FUEL IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. AGENCY HAS NOT RPT NOT
YET MADE FINAL DECISION ON NUMBER OF INSPECTORS TO BE
INVOLVED, BUT ASSURED US THAT INSPECTIONS WOULD BE
CONDUCTED ON FULL TIME CONTINUOUS BASIS.

3. AGENCY NOTED THAT FIRST BATCH OF FUEL BUNDLES TO BE
REPROCESSED PROBABLY WILL BE THOSE SHIPPED FIRST BY U.S.
BEFORE AGENCY ASSUMED SAFEGUARDS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER
TRILATERAL, FOR WHICH AGENCY HAS NO RPT NO SHIPPING
DOCUMENTS. AGENCY HAS INFORMALLY ASKED WHETHER OR
NOT USERDA COULD SUPPLY TOTAL URANIUM AND U-235
ENRICHMENT FIGURES FOR EACH BUNDLE OR ASSEMBLY INVOLVED
IN FIRST U.S. SHIPMENTS MADE, IN ORDER FOR AGENCY TO
HAVE BETTER BASIS FOR MAKING ITS CALCULATIONS WHEN EACH
OF BUDLES ARE REPROCESSED.

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4. AGENCY ALSO NOTED THAT THEY WILL ENTER INTO RESEARCH CONTRACT WITH INDIAN DAE IN CONNECTION, INTER ALIA, THEIR DESTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS PROGRAM INVOLVING TAPS FUEL PINS. MISSION WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS FOLLOWING RETURN FROM INDIA NEXT WEEK OF AGENCY STAFF MEMBER FROM DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENT (SAFEGUARDSDS), WHO IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING DETAILS OF CONTRACT.

5. ADVISE RE PARA 3 ABOVE. LEAHY

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